

Remarks

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following:

- I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a peptide comprising an AxKKK motif;
- II. Claims 1 consisting of the peptide:
PEPAKSAPAPKKGSKKAVTKAQKKDGKKRKRSEKE, or a fragment thereof;
- III. Claim 1 consisting of the peptide:
SYSVYVYKVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMGIMNSFVNDIFERIAGE, or a fragment thereof;
- IV. Claim 1 comprising a combination of peptides consisting of an AxKKK motif,
PEPAKSAPAPKKGSKKAVTKAQKKDGKKRKRSEKE,
SYSVYVYKVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMGIMNSFVNDIFERIAGE, or fragments thereof;
- V. Claims 3-7, drawn to a method of improving diagnosis of autoimmune diseases employing peptides;
- VI. Claims 8 and 9, drawn to a method for therapy of autoimmune diseases employing peptides;
- VII. Claim 10, drawn to a method for the production of the antiidiotypic antibody;
- VIII. Claims 11 and 12, drawn to a method of improving diagnosis of autoimmune diseases employing an antiidiotypic antibody;
- IX. Claims 13 and 14, drawn to a method for therapy of autoimmune diseases employing an antiidiotypic antibody.

Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement. In order to make this response responsive to the action, applicants elect group I, i.e. claims 1 and 2.

Applicants also submit a new Statement In Support of CRF under §1.821 which was rejected because it was not signed by a registered attorney or agent. The new Statement is signed by a registered attorney and should comply with the rejection.

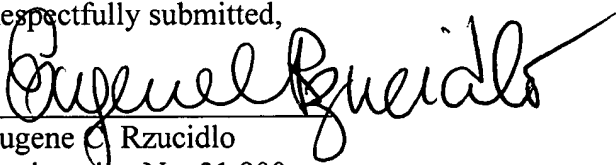
Applicants submit a substitute specification with markings showing all the changes and a clean copy. No new matter is introduced in this specification.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this restriction requirement and an examination of all of the pending claims is requested. It is believed that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at ecr@gtlaw.com.

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